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4. [] CI Staff, called to say that he had received a call from the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, who wanted to arrange for some of their people to meet with [] this morning for an "informal discussion." When [] pressed as to the subject of the meeting, he was advised only that it had to do with requests made to the Army by Senator Strom Thurmond. [] was alerting us and asked for any guidance we might give him. Since he had already agreed to the meeting, it was suggested that he merely listen to what the ACBI people had to say and make no commitments as far as the Agency was concerned.

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Subsequently, it developed that ACBI desires certain reports which might be made available to Senator Thurmond. Suggesting that [] would undoubtedly want to raise this matter through his own channels, I mentioned to him that as far as this office was concerned, we were not in favor of anyone's sending any intelligence reports to the Congress.

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5. [] Mr. Sinderson called to say that State prefers sending separate documents to their House Appropriations Subcommittee in response to Representative Bow's request. (See Journal of 11 March.) Mr. Sinderson has not pulled the figures together for this report and will be in further contact with us.

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Mr. Sinderson also advised me that when Mr. Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, was before the House Appropriations Committee, he made a statement that of the 45 Government officers working on India, only two out of this figure were from his Near Eastern bureau. Representative John J. Rooney asked State to provide the names and agency designations of the other 43 individuals together with an indication as to the last time they were in India. Sinderson is requesting our guidance on the handling of this matter.

Later in the day, I saw Mr. Sinderson and discussed further the handling of these two inquiries. (See Memo for the Record for details.)

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